

REMARKS

Entry of the above supplemental amendment is respectfully requested. The clarifying amendment, to dependent claim 21 only, should not raise any new issues or concerns.

The discussion of additional patentable distinction of claim 21 of the prior response may be somewhat inaccurate in view of the revised scope of the claim. Instead, the discussion on the point should be as follows.

Furthermore, Knox does not disclose use of a reflection-type optical characteristics switching element as the light path changing element (outputting light in a different direction) and as the switching element the wavelength band of the outputted light. Even if some light direction changing is known, as asserted in the obviousness rejection, it is respectfully submitted that general knowledge of changing light direction would not have lead one skilled in the art to use both the light path changing element and the switching element of claim 21, in the specific context of the Knox color shutter. Hence, the subject matter of claim 21 further distinguishes in a patentable manner over Knox.

Otherwise all issues raised on the Action have been thoroughly addressed by the February 7, 2005 response.

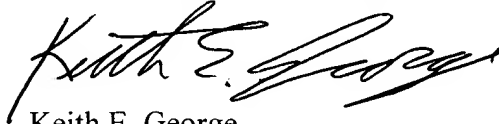
Prompt favorable reconsideration and allowance of this case are respectfully requested.

Application No.: 09/942,034

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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